
Dr. Allan R. Somoroff



Deputy Commander Naval Air Systems Command

As Deputy Commander, Dr. Somoroff is the senior civilian in the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) working in concert with the Commander. He is responsible for organizational leadership, effectiveness, and economic efficiency in the execution of NAVAIR's mission/core processes.

Dr. Somoroff was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 1981 and has served in array of engineering and leadership positions in 41 years of Government service.

The Deputy Commander leadership role extends across NAVAIR which consists of approximately 25,000 civilian and military personnel in headquarters, the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft and Weapons Divisions, and the Naval Aviation Fleet Readiness Center Industrial sites, and operates with affiliated Aviation PEOs in a Competency Aligned Organization/ Integrated Program Team construct. Working in collaboration with the Aviation PEOs, the Command executes more than \$30B annually for aircraft, weapons, related subsystems and support.

From May 1990 to August 1993, Dr. Somoroff served as Executive Director for Research and Engineering where he led the Command's multidisciplinary research and engineering workforce until accepting his present position.

Preceding his selection as NAVAIR's chief civilian engineer, Dr. Somoroff served in a range of engineering positions of increasing scope. His career with the Navy began as a design analyst at the Naval Air Development Center at Warminster, Pa. He then joined NAVAIR, where he was responsible for the Advanced Structures Research and Technology Program leading to major advances in the introduction of composite aircraft structures. Dr Somoroff was next assigned to the Systems and Engineering Group as the Air Vehicle Division's Structures Branch Head and subsequently became the Air Vehicle Division's Technical Director, when he was appointed to the Senior Executive Service. Dr. Somoroff subsequently served as the Director of the Product Integrity Division with responsibilities for product quality and reliability and then as Director of the Systems Engineering/Acquisition Directorate. During this period, Dr. Somoroff engaged with program and industry leadership on aircraft developments including the F-14, F/A-18, H-60, and V-22.

Dr. Somoroff is the author of papers on advanced composite structures and has served on national/international committees on aircraft airworthiness. He has been recognized with two Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Awards and two Distinguished Executive Presidential Rank Awards. Dr. Somoroff also received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award in October 1998 and in November 2005.

Dr. Allan R. Somoroff graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where he earned a bachelor's and masters of science in mechanical engineering and the Doctor of Philosophy in engineering mechanics.